



THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Ashley J. Birkett)
Serial No.: 10/806,006) PATENT
Filed: March 22, 2004) Attorney Docket
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For: IMMUNOGENIC HBc CHIMER)
PARTICLES HAVING ENHANCED)
STABILITY) Group Art No.
) 1648
Examiner: Michael M. McGaw)

PETITION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)

MAIL STOP AMENDMENT
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

Sir:

A three-month extension of time in response to the
Office Action mailed September 24, 2004, is respectfully
requested.

There is submitted herewith the following:


1. Reply and Amendment;
2. Exhibits 1 through 6;
3. Terminal Disclaimer;
4. Form PTO 1449;
5. Check No. 092731 in the amount of \$65.00 for the

Terminal Disclaimer fee; and

6. Check No. 092723 in the amount of \$510.00 for the three-month extension of time (a response to the Office Action was due December 24, 2004).

No further fee or petition is believed to be necessary in addition to those that are enclosed. Should any fee be needed, please charge our Deposit Account No. 23-0920, and deem this paper to be the required petition.

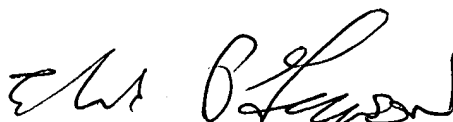
Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF MAILING

I hereby certify that this Petition for Three-Month Extension of Time and its fee, Reply and Amendment, Exhibits 1-6, a Terminal Disclaimer and its fee, are being deposited with the United States Postal Service with sufficient postage as First Class Mail in an envelope addressed to Mail Stop Amendment, Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 on March 23, 2005.



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